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The reply brief filed 11/05/07 has been entered and considered. The application has been forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences for decision on appeal.

Please note the correction to the Examiner's Answer included in the PTO-90C:

The following sections should be added to the examiner's answer:

(11) Related Proceedings Appendix

No decision rendered by a court or the Board is identified by the examiner in the Related Appeals and Interferences section of this examiner's answer.

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